

HOUSE BILL 2450

By Fitzhugh

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 12; Title 4, Chapter 20 and Title 4,
Chapter 3, Part 24, relative to art.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-12-111, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 4-12-111.

(a)

(1) The state museum is authorized to impose a fee or charge admission for special events or programs.

(2) The amount of such a fee or charge shall be determined by the Tennessee arts commission, and proceeds from such fees or charges shall only be used by the commission to offset the cost of such special events or programs or other educational programs of the state museum.

(3) There shall be no more than four (4) special events, programs or exhibits per year, and this limitation shall not apply to educational programs, such as classes, workshops, lectures, film series or to annual meetings or conferences of professional organizations.

(4) The square footage occupied by any such special event or program shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the total square footage of such museum.

(b) The state museum is authorized by this subsection to have reduced fees or admission charges for any person who may be an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, handicapped, sixty-five (65) years of age or older, or a

student in any school, grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12), for such special events or programs.

(c) The state museum, in the discretion of the director of the state museum, is further authorized to provide facilities, assistance and space to any nonprofit corporation that has as its principal purpose the support of the programs of the state museum and whose net proceeds are directed to benefit the programs or operation of the state museum. This cooperation and assistance may be provided irrespective of whether such corporation charges a fee or imposes an admission charge to its programs.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.